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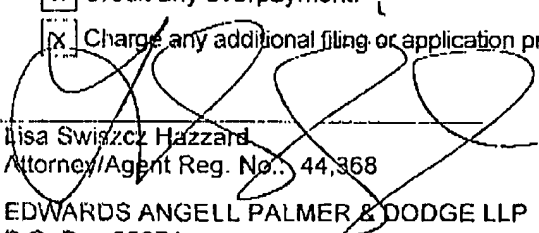
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This is in response to the final action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 24, 2006. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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